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BILL PAYMENT SERVICE**  
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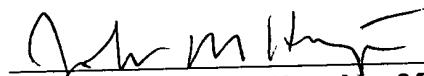
**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2001, in the above-identified patent application. This extension of time will extend the period for response up to and including September 11, 2001.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fees for this action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1458. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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